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WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1970

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E.J. GORDON WALLACE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer

WEYMOUTH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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Councillor W.L. Childs

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Treasurer:	J.C.M. Savidge, F.C.A., F.I.M.T.A.
Senior Port Health Inspector:	H. Handscomb
Port Health Inspectors:	R.G.S. Newbould A.L. Harris D.A. Dolphin

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Health Centre,
Westham Road,
Weymouth.

January, 1971

To the Chairman, and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Regulation 12(4) of the Public Health Officers (Port Health Districts) Regulations, 1959, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1970.

This Report is submitted in the manner specified in Form Port 20 which accompanied Ministry of Health Circular 33/52 dated 6th November, 1952. This indicated that a full report was to be made in 1955 and thereafter quinquennially while for the intermediate years only changes which occurred during the year should be referred to in Sections I, V, VI, VIII, XIV, XV and XVI - all marked with an asterisk. This Report for 1970 is, therefore, a full report.

In September, 1970 Dr. P.G. Fox, who had been Deputy Port Medical Officer since October, 1960, informed me that, since he had moved to Dorchester he found it extremely difficult to carry out the duties of Deputy Port Medical Officer, and for this reason felt that he should submit his resignation.

Dr. K.J. Kimmance, Deputy Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis was appointed Deputy Port Medical Officer with effect from 1st October, 1970.

It is again a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking Members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk and Treasurer for their ready co-operation, and Mr. H. Handscomb, Senior Port Health Inspector, and Messrs. R.G.S. Newbould, A.L. Harris and D.A. Dolphin, Port Health Inspectors, for their willing assistance at all times. I am also most grateful to Mr. A.L. Pepper, Divisional Marine Manager of British Railways, and his staff; Captain H.E. Holden, D.S.C., Harbourmaster; to the Officers of H.M. Customs, Waterguard and Excise; to the Store and Transport Officer (Naval) and his staff and to the local Shipping Agents and their staffs for the assistance which they have given throughout the year.

I have the honour to be
Your Obedient Servant,

E.J. GORDON WALLACE,
Port Medical Officer

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SECTION I - STAFF *

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Appointment Held	Date of Appointment	Qualifications and Other Appointments Held
Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace	Port Medical Officer of Health	1-1-48	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.; M.O.H. Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; M.O.H. Portland U.D.C.; S. Dorset Area Medical Officer, D.C.C. Consultant Physician i/c West Haven Infectious Diseases Hospital
Dr. P.G. Fox	Deputy Port Medical Officer	1-10-60 Resigned 30-9-70	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. General Medical Practitioner
Dr. K.J. Kimmance	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1-10-70	M.B., B.S. (London) D.R.C.O.G., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis; Senior Assistant County Medical Officer of Health
E.J. Jones	Clerk	1-7-63	LL.B., Town Clerk, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
J. Harris	Treasurer	1-4-64 Retired 30-9-68	F.C.A., F.I.M.T.A., Borough Treasurer, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
J.C.M. Savidge	Treasurer	1-10-68	F.C.A., F.I.M.T.A., Borough Treasurer, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis

SECTION I - STAFF * (cont'd)

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Name of Officer	Appointment Held	Date of Appointment	Qualifications and Other Appointments Held
E.V. Abbey	Port Health Inspector	1-10-45 Retired 7-4-69	Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate; Master Marin (Foreign)
H. Handscomb	Senior Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Hea Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector; Smoke Inspector; Chief Public Health Inspector, Borough Weymouth and Melcombe Reg
R.G.S. Newbould	Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Hea Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector; District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
A.L. Harris	Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Hea Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector; District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis
D.A. Dolphin	Port Health Inspector	1-4-69	Certificate as Public Hea Inspector; Meat and Other Food Inspector; District Public Health Inspector, Borough of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis

SECTION I - STAFF * (cont'd)

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:

Office - Health Centre, Westham Road, Weymouth - Weymouth 5645/6/7
- Telegraphic Address "Portelth", Weymouth
Home - 55 Spa Road, Weymouth - Weymouth 6513

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number		Tonnage		Number Inspected				Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage Infectious Diseases on board
					By the Med. Officer of Health		By the P.H. Inspector		
	Wey-mouth	Port-land	Wey-mouth	Port-land	Wey-mouth	Port-land	Wey-mouth	Port-land	
Foreign Ports	30	51	15,593	72,729	4	5	26	34	Nil
Coast-wise *	781	104	750,901	219,680	2	-	52	11	Nil
	811	155	766,494	292,409	6	5	78	45	Nil
Total	966		1,058,903		11		123		Nil

* Coastwise Arrivals

Includes British Rail ships, British Rail Charter vessels engaged in the regular sailings to and from the Channel Islands, and frequent arrivals of ships from the Solent landing gravel. Does not include sailing yachts and similar small craft.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Number of Passengers INWARDS	220,432
	Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	221,660

Cargo Traffic

Principal IMPORTS - Fertilizer, Fish, Flowers, Fruit, Grape Juice, Oil, Phosphate, Potash, Timber and Vegetables

Principal EXPORTS - Barley, Cattle, General Merchandise, Sand and Stores

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrived

Channel Islands, Dunkirk, Gdansk, Hamburg, Heraklion, Karlstad, Le Havre, Mantyluoto, Naantali, Rauma, Rotterdam, Stromma

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

NIL

SECTION V*- WATER SUPPLY

1. Source of supply for (a) the district

Weymouth - Dorset Water Board's springs at Empool and Sutton Poyntz

Portland - Dorset Water Board's deep borehole at Friar Waddon

(b) Shipping

Mains from the Weymouth and Portland supplies

2. Reports of Tests for Contamination

Samples are regularly examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Dorchester, from the mains supplies in both Weymouth and Portland. The water supplies for both Weymouth and Portland are chlorinated at source. Reports of all bacteriological examinations are freely available to the Port Medical Officer in his capacity as Medical Officer of Health to the two districts.

3. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes

At Weymouth Harbour, the Berthing Master is responsible for the safe custody and cleanliness of the stand pipes for connection to the Water Board's main on the quay. Each ship regularly using the harbour has its own hosepipes.

At Portland the supply of water to shipping, i.e. R.F.A. tanker is an Admiralty responsibility.

4. Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority

No water boats are maintained by the Authority, or by any other civil organisation. In Portland, this is an Admiralty responsibility.

5. Water Tanks

Water tanks on eight ships were inspected subsequent to repair and cleansing.

6. Water Samples

Five samples from four ships were taken for bacteriological examination - four of these were satisfactory. One sample was unsatisfactory but a follow-up sample was satisfactory. Three samples submitted by British Rail were satisfactory.

SECTION VI* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1966-68

1. List of Infected Areas

Information is received each week direct from the World Health Organisation at Geneva. Fresh lists giving appropriate extracts from this W.H.O. Weekly Epidemiological Record are sent each week to (a) Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth, and (c) H.M. Customs, Portland.

2. Radio Messages

(a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district

This Port is not a "Radio transmitting port" but should the necessity arise, appropriate messages can be transmitted through Niton Radio, Isle of Wight.

(b) Arrangements for receiving messages from ships and for acting thereon

From time to time, messages are relayed from ships at sea direct to the Port Medical Officer by telephone from Niton Radio, Isle of Wight.

In this connection it is a pleasure to place on record one's high appreciation of the whole-hearted co-operation invariably extended by the staff of Niton Radio.

3. Notifications other than by Radio

The R.N. Signals Station, Portland, is most co-operative in deciphering and passing on to the Port Medical Officer, flag and other signals from ships within the district of the Port Health Authority.

Occasionally, messages are received by the Port Medical Officer from shipping agents in either Weymouth or Portland.

"Portelth, Weymouth", is the registered telegraphic address of the Port Medical Officer's office at the Health Centre, Weymouth, where messages can be received and necessary action taken thereon at any time during the day and night.

4. Mooring Stations

This Port is not regularly used by shipping which might come within the definition of "infected ship" or "suspected ship."

If, however, such circumstances should arise, the ship would be instructed to anchor in Weymouth Bay and would be boarded without delay by the Port Medical Officer.

In the event of it becoming necessary to detain any ship, arrangements would be made with Queens Harbour Master, H.M. Naval Base, Portland, for the ship to tie up to a mooring buoy in Portland Harbour subject to Naval commitments permitting this to be done.

5. Arrangements for:

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious cases - other than Smallpox

These are admitted to the West Haven (Infectious Diseases) Hospital, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Tel. Weymouth 6116.

(b) Surveillance and follow-up of contacts

Arrangements are made for this to be carried out in accordance with the Public Health (Ships) Regulations.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles

Materials for cleansing and disinfection are readily available by arrangement with Weymouth Borough Health Department. Disinfestation of verminous persons and clothing etc. can also be carried out by same Department which has a steam disinfection plant and other cleansing station facilities.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox Cases are sent from the District

Weyhill Hospital, Andover, Hants.
Tel. No. Weyhill 214

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX (cont'd)

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service from
The Weymouth Ambulance Depot, Tel. No. Weymouth 2661 - after 10 p.m.
Wey. 6633

(Dorset County Control - Dorchester 4741)

Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfector staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace - Weymouth
Dr. A.F. Turner - Weymouth
Dr. C. Hollins - Dorchester

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox

Suspected material is sent to:

Dr. A.D. MacRae,
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.

Tel. No. Colindale 6041

SECTION VIII* - VENEREAL DISEASE

Patients can be seen at the V.D. Clinic at 1a Wyke Road, Weymouth (Portwey Hospital Out-Patient Department) on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

In-patient accommodation and treatment is provided for at West Haven (Infectious Diseases) Hospital, Weymouth.

The Port Medical Officer, or the Port Health Inspector, enquire as to the presence of venereal disease on board ships entering the Port and the appropriate information is given to the persons concerned.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during Year		Number of Ships Concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases occurring on ships from foreign ports disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE

NIL

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. The Port Health Inspectors carried out a detailed inspection for rodents in 60 ships arriving from foreign ports.

2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinaticns of rodents to be carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1970.

3. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

CATEGORY	NUMBER
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for Ships from Foreign Ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with		After trap-ping	After Poison-ing ‡	Total		
H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	6	6

‡ State Poisons used and number of certificates issued after each poison.

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under TABLE F above, Deratting Exemption Certificates were also issued to twenty coastwise vessels.

One coastal vessel was treated by trapping for a minor infestation of mice.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections		NOTICES SERVED		Result of Serving Notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
British	63	Nil	6	All Abated
Foreign	60	Nil	Nil	
Total	123	Nil	6	

SECTION XIV* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

There are no shellfish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority.

Under the Weymouth (Shellfish) Regulations, 1922, a prohibited area has been prescribed as follows:-

> "Portland Harbour and so much of the adjacent waters as lies to the west of a straight line drawn from the southern extremity of Redcliff Point to the eastern extremity of Grove Point, including the backwater of Weymouth Harbour."

SECTION XV* - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

The Port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI* - MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease

No difficulty would arise in arranging for such burials in local cemeteries.

ARRIVALS 1970 - NATIONALITIES

	Weymouth	Portland
British	652	120
* German	144	9
Dutch	6	19
Greek	1	-
Danish	4	2
Irish Republic	1	-
Liberian	-	3
Norwegian	1	2
Chile	1	-
French	1	-
	811	155

* Includes 127 arrivals in Weymouth by 3 British Rail Charter vessels

Inspections and Visits by Port Health Inspectors

Total number of vessels inspected	123
Re-inspections after giving of notices	12
Visits to vessels discharging food cargoes ...	68
Visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1966	52
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits (Harbour, H.M. Customs, British Railways, Shipping Agents, etc.)	469
	724

FOOD INSPECTION

Total amount of food landed in the port during the year:-

Tomatoes	3,566,424 packages
Vegetables	7,033 "
Fruit	5,550 "
Fish	447 "
Potatoes	3 "
Other Produce	18 "
Grape Juice	987·7 tons

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were destroyed:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
Tomatoes	8	19	1	0
Meat	4	0	3	12
Total	13	0	0	12